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## BLACK HAND BLAMED FOR CONEY'S FIRE

and Police Have Tangible Clues.

#### Epitomized Story of Fire at Coney

Area burned-Thirty-five acres. Loss-\$1,404,000. Insurance-\$180,000.

Casualties-Two mortally in

Seriously injured-Nine. Missing-Two. Persons homeless-2,000.

Firms out of business-300. Origin-Incendiary, suspected.

NEW YORK, July 29 .- An army of witnesses are being examined by Fire Marshal Beers at Brooklyn police headquarters today to determine the cause of the fire which devastated Coney Island early Sunday morning.

The authorities have learned sufficient

the miscreants banded as Black Hand, who have been terrorizing New York

The authorities have a number of Black Hand letters received by George C. Tilyou, owner of Steplechase Park, which was totally destroyed. The destruction of his property was threatened unless he yielded a large sum of money. The last letter, which was specified by the writer as the final one, was received a few days ago. He did not respond with the money demanded. The fire fol-

#### Life Threatened, Too.

The fifth letter received by Mr. Tilyou, last Friday, said that not alone would

the letters from Mr. Tilyou, advised an eral men who persisted in trying to extra guard about Steplechase Park, but the incendiaries found a way to escape interference with their plans. More than one attempt was made to burn the park on Saturday night. A blaze was discovered at 10 o'clock in the identified spot where the blaze started six hours later.

#### Have Tangible Clues.

Mr. Tilyou today gave all information possible to the police and a score of ithin the near future, but this the

authorities refuse to divulge.

The people at Coney Island are considerably stirred up over the attempts at blackmailing. Many of the merchants have received letters of the same sort received by Tilyou.

#### Search of Ruins Reveals One Dead In Memphis Fire

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 29 .- A thorough ing that the loss will be something over \$1,000,000.

The fire started in the Southern Cold Storage Company's nearly completed warehouse. The flames spread and destroyed the buildings occupied by the Oliver-Finnie Grocery Company, the Cole Grocery Company, the Memphis Paper Company, Chism Brothers Company, all wholesale grocers; the Green Tree Hotel, and Cudahy Brothers' packing plant.

#### THE WEATHER REPORT.

There have been showers in the south Atlantic and Gulf States, the central valleys, the upper lake region, the Rocky mountain region, and the Southwest, and conditions are unsettled this morning over the eastern half of the country with low pressure. Temperatures are about normal.

Showers will continue tonight and Tuesday in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States, while in the Ohlo valley, lower lake region, and middle Atlantic States the weather will be generally fair. Temperatures will change but little.

the. Temperatures with change but its tile. The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be light and variable, becoming westerly; on the south Atlantic and east Gulf coasts light to fresh and mostly southwesterly, and on the lower lake light west to northwest.

Steamers deparding today for European ports will have light winds, mostly southwest to west with partly cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., July 29,-Potomac muddy, and Shenandoah clear

## Nineteen Dead, Thirty Injured, Firebug's Work

Investigation Progressing New York Tenement in Smoldering Ruins.

> Fire-Escape Panic and Cowardice of Men.

NEW YORK, July 29 .- The "Black Hand" was responsible, according to Italian detectives, for a tenement house fire early today in which nineteen per sons lost their lives and about thirty were more or less seriously injured. Today's fire was in the six-story te ment at 222 Christie street. It is pos-sible that the list of dead may exceed nineteen, the police fearing that more bodies may be found in the ruins, and of the thirty injured, several will proba

The blaze was characterized by a terrific panic in which men, maddened with fear, trampled on women and children and pushed several from ladders and to feel convinced that the conflagration and pushed several from ladders and fire escapes in their own efforts to reach safety. safety.

The fire, starting with an explosion in the basement, swept from top to botlysthe tenants had no opportunity to escape down the stairways, and were driven to the fire escapes. The flames, bursting through the windows, swept even these place of refuge, forcing the ipants either to dash back into the burning building or drop to death on

#### Neighbors Did Not Help.

Fearing the vengeance of the "Black Hand," few of the residents in the in the burning tenement.

Steeplechase Park be destroyed, but Mr. alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, and the panic made it almost the granusum, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, alarm, and the panic made it almost the granusum, alarm, alarm There was a delay, too, in turning in an

> and children to their fate.
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> One mother, certain her children had perished, preferred death to rescue, and leaped from a sixth story firescape

#### and was dashed to death by her fall.

William Brandt, who gave the first police officers are making an investiga- alarm, was passing through Christie There is something tangible to street in front of the tenement, when on, which may result in arrests a terrific explosion, supposedly of a

The entire neighborhood was awakened by the explosion. Instantly the head of every family within hearing seemed to begin firing his revolver. Others, in all sorts of attire, boarded trains and were carried to this city. ing that their homes were guarded, the authors of the fusiliade retired to their rooms and closed and locked the

and second floors are believed to have search of the ruins caused by last escaped in safety, but those above night's fire in the wholesale grocery had no such chance. They stood in district established that no other bodies were in the debris. One fireman killed and two others injured, the result of one wives and children, that they falling walls, is the extent of the might have a better chance of rescue. casualties. It is estimated this morn- Women and children began leaping from upper story windows even before the first fire engine reached the

A few were able to limp away, but most of them were unable to rise and were lifted into ambulances and taken to hospitals.

#### Dead Not Identified.

None of the dead have yet been identified. The list as given out by the fire department is as follows:

Charred body, sex unknown.
Nine-year-old girl.
Chlid of ten, sex unknown.
Girl of eight.
Girl of six.
Boy of ten.
Woman of thirty.
Boy of five.

Boy of five. Boy of three.

Man of thirty-five.
Woman of thirty.
Child. one month old, sex unknown.
Girl of eighteen.
Man of thirty.
Man of forty-five.
Woman, body charred.
Man four d on third floor, burned beyond recognition.
Woman of twenty-five.
Girl of ten burned beyond recognition.

Rescues Were Rapid, If the tenants of the burned building behaved with exceptional cowardice the firemen and policemen appeared to unisual advantage. The rescuers themselves were licked by the flames as they worked. Rescues were effected with

remarkable rapidity.

The building was reduced to a smoldering heap in an hour, but such was the heat that it has been as yet impossible to make a thorough search for more

The ambulance surgeons were swamped with patients, and many had to lie in the street. In the street.

Italian detectives were rushed to the scene. They report positively that the fire was of incendiary origin, adding that many of the tenants of the bullding have been terrorized by the "Black Hand." The tenement has long been known as "The Three Deuces," and has been

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New York Tenement Fire.

Dead, nineteen; injured, thirty. Cause - Explosion, supposedly of bomb planted by incendiaries. Fear-maddened men trampled on women and children.

Neighbors, fearing "Black Hand," did not give aid. Delay in turning in alarm. Structure smoldering her

an hour. Italian detectives r

Police and firemen effe cues with remarkable ra Six-story building at 1 tie street.

# FIRE SWEEPS OCEAN RESOI

Long Beach Unable to Get Aid—Two Reported Missing.

NEW YORK, July 29.-Fire today swept Long Beach on the Long Island shore and destroyed property valued vicinity raised a hand to aid those at \$1,000,000 before being brought under control this afternoon. Six cottages,

from among the 600 guests at the hotel, the most of whom aroused from sleep, had thrilling escapes from the burning

The fire was caused by the explosion a terrific explosion, supposedly of a bomb, blew out the entire front of Nicalo Dimaco's grocery store on the ground floor, and dashed Brandt from his feet.

The entire explosion, supposedly of a of an alcohol lamp, over which a guest was heating milk for his child. Aided by a high wind that blew in from the ocean, the flames were carried through the entire structure, and within an hour it was in rulns.

The explosion preme Court decision by a friend and later by counsel for the petitioner, which influenced him to refer the hearing of the testimony to the auditor.

Guests Camp on Beach,

Telephone and telegraph lines were their rooms and closed and locked the doors.

Driven Back by Flames.

The Italian tenants rushed into the halls, but were instantly driven back by the flames. The families on the first and second floors are believed to have escaped in safety, but those above cut, thus preventing communication the a extensive the suit outside villages and towns, when the ald of firefighters was needed most. When aid did arrive it was too late for the firemen to be of any service. A spak? from the blaze caused a fire in the Long Beach station, 200 feet distant. Absorbed in their attempt to extinguish the hotel fire, the firemen permitted it to burn to the ground.

Fight Fire With Dynamite.

Some of the women who found them-selves hemmed in on the floors by the thick smoke in the hallways grew hys-terical, and appeared at the windows, as

if about to jump.
Senator McCarren was among those who rushed to the ald of the frightened women and dragged them from their rooms down the smoke-filled halls to \$5 == Two Chances == \$5

## For **Five Dollars**

One Is to Ask The **Sunday Times** For \$5

Another Is to Tell What Is the Best Thing to Do With Pete

See The Sunday Times For the Winners

## GAS CO. STOCKS VALUED

**Expert Witness Places** Figure at \$468,322 For Plant.

He Has Been Making Appraisement For Ten Days.

Attorneys and Judge fer on Subject of Testimony.

> ording to William W. Ranof New York, expert witness : Georgetown Gas Light Comin its petition to increase its stock from \$150,000 to 000, the actual cash value of int and extensions of the comimounts to \$468,322.

This, he declared on the witness stand this morning before Auditor Payne, was the amount for which the present plant and equipment of the company, allowing \$30,000 for present needs as working capital, could be duplicated.

Mr. Randolph has been making an appraisement of the property of the company for the past ten days, and was called as the first witness for the petitioner in the hearing this

## morning before the auditor. Referred to Auditor by Gould.

Justice Gould, in Equity Court, No. 2, this morning, referred the taking of testimony in the petition of the hotel. Six persons were overcome by Georgetown Gas Light Company smoke and were found by rescuers on to increase it capital stock to the their last trip through their corridors, and to increase it capital stock to the Sophie Kimbali, a maid, had her leg broken by falling from a ladder.

Thousands of dollars' forth of valuables were lost. The sleeping guests were driven from their rooms pell mell down the stairs in night attire, and many saved themselves by leaping from balconies.

The fire was caused by the projection. auditor of the court, Col. James G. on preme Court decision by a friend the auditor.

He, therefore, handed down his Scores of guesis camped on the beach. order to the effect that the auditor should take such competent testimony as may be submitted touching thus preventing communication the actual cost, value, and future extensions of the plant of the com-

#### Counsel Thomas Objected.

Corporation Counsel Thomas objected to the form of the order in that he thought it not broad enough and should allow the introduction of testimony relative to the price of gas and cost of Dynamite was used to stop the spread its manufacture. He also said that the of the flames. Two cottages were blown act does not require the court to authorize the increased capitalization even though the actual cost value were found to be in excess of the present capital

company, objected to this interpretacompany, objected to this interpretation of the law, stating that it was simply for the court to find the actual cost
value of the property in order that the
corporation's capital stock might coincide with its real capital, and that it
should not stand before the public in a
false light, as it was now with its capital stock at only \$150,000. He said that
it was proper for the corporation to
stand before the public with a capital
stock that truly represented its worth.
Dividends, he said, should not appear
to be excessive as at present they were.

#### Justice Gould's Interpretation.

It was Justice Gould's Interpretation, owever, that the court's functions in the petition were very limited, and that it must simply certify to the company what it might find to be the actual cost value of the plant and cost of futural extensions, whereupon the company might use its discretion as to increasing its capital stock.

The hearing before the auditor then proceeded.

# DIVE KILLS MAN,

## Wife Has Disappeared; Police Start in Search Of Clue to Big Mystery From Home.



MRS. MAGGIE T. NICHOLSON.

Reported Missing From 619 Pennsylvania Avenue Southeast.

# IDAHO OBJECTS

#### Moyer and Pettibone May Not Face Juries Because of Cost.

BOISE, Idaho, July 29.—The acquittal of William D. Haywood, following a trial which held the attention of the whole country, means that the State of Idaho will not call Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, or George A. Pettibone, treasurer, to trial on the same charge of conspiring in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg, if the vast amount of opinion here is correct, and the other indicted men will be tried.

edside of his feeble old mother today. In striking contrast to the abuse heaped upon him by Governor Gooding and those who conducted his prosecution. Haywood had only gentle words partiality for the prosecution. for the men who tried to hang him.

It was under the most pathetic circumstances that Haywood's acquittal sisted by Hon. W. H. Smith, of Louiscame. The jury after having stood 10 to 2 for acquittal, switched around to acquittal, and as the verdict was read in court, the men who had freed him son, of Lexington. Many of them came forward and told him they had never believed him Goebel, a cousin of the late William guilty. Haywood's attorneys also broke Goebel, are present at the trial. down and cried. Haywood's first move after being

#### freed was to telephone to his invalid wife. Then he went to his mother. Will Return to Duties.

once return to his duties as secretary of the Western Federation of Miners. "Steve" Adams, born in Missouri and reared a Kentuckian, told today how his confession was, as he termed it, "ex-

"I was brought to the penitentiary," MOBILE, Ala., July 29.-While bath- I was told there was no hope for me, ng at a summer resort on the eastern that the Federation officials had adshore of Mobile bay, yesterday, James mitted that I was 'as guilty as h—,'
A. Kirk, president of the Dixie Lumber and should be hanged. Then came Or-Company, sprang from a diving board chard. He had lived with me and I had and landing in four feet of water, broke staked him to the last cent I had on chard. He had lived with me and I had and landing in four feet of water, broke his neck. Mr. Kirk died soon afterward. He was very wealthy and well known in lumber circles.

2:00 P. M. C. & O. Train Week Days. Effective Sunday, July 28th, the train leaving Washington 2:00 p. m. via Chesapeake in his continued on Second Paged

Company, sprang from a diving board and landing in four feet of water, broke his neck. Mr. Kirk died soon afterward. He had lived with me and I had staked him to the last cent I had on more than on-3 occasion. When I saw him in the cell, he told me what he thought of me. He asked me about certain intense that I had met certain officials of the federation.

The next day a detective brought me the story. There was a lot in it that I did not understand, but he declared that I had said it and Orchard was there & Ohio Railway, will run week days only.

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He had lived with me and I had affidavit, which contains sensational allegations as to Robbins' rulings in the last case. It was not made public.

ITHACA, N. Y., July 29.—No more bodies have been found in Cayuga Lake, and it is now thought that the lives that have been lost in the burning of the steamer Frontenac will not exceed that I had said it and Orchard was there rives Old Point 6:00 p. m. Tickets at C.

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# JUDGE ACCUSED **COURT ADJOURNS**

#### Goebel Murder Trial Is Called For the Fourth Time at Georgetown, Ky.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 29.—The wife's disappearance. fourth trial of Caleb Powers, for-Goebel, seven years ago, was called was nothing serious or recent. She was Miss Maggie Cantwell when we were marat a special term of the Scott county ried. She has a sister living in the this in spite of the fact that some of circuit court, before Judge James northeast section of the city. the prosecuting attorneys insist that F Polyling of the light and the prosecution of the city. E. Robbins, at 10 o'clock this morn- place I went after I discovered she had

Haywood's trial cost the State of ing. No sooner had the case been left home.

The motion and affidavits were allowed to be filed. The affidavit required two days in preparation, and is quite lengthy. It sets forth specific acts and rulings, which the defense claims shows

The prosecution is being conducted by "I have no feeling nor ill-will toward anyone," he said. "I am charitable by Victor Bradley, of Georgetown, and toward all."

Attorney Robert B. Franklin, assisted by Victor Bradley, of Georgetown, and Benjamin Williams, of Frankfort. Judge

Arthur Goebel, a brother, and William Two Hundred Witnesses Summoned.

I'wo hundred witnesses have been summoned and the depositions of former Governor W. S. Taylor have been taken by the defense. After an examination In a statement he says he will at of the affidavits, Judge Robbins inof the affidavits, Judge Robbins in- Kenilworth since Wednesday, when she structed the clerk to formally enter the started into Washington on foot with cite specific acts of the trial judge at the preceding trial, alleging partiality. After reading the affidavit of the defense to have him removed Judge Robbins adjourned court until tomorrow to allow the State attorney to examine the

Mrs. Maggie Nicholson Strangely Missing

## Husband Not Able to Give Explanation in Case.

Leaving a happy, well regulation and furnished home and a devoted and sorrowing husband, Mrs. Maggie Nicholson, twenty-two years old, a wife of four years, disappeared from 619 Pennsylvania avenue southeast on Friday morning.

She has not been seen or heard of by her relatives since that time, and her grief-stricken husband is at a loss to understand her disappear-

This morning he called on Inspector of Detectives Robert Boardman and reported the disappearance, and furnished the police with a photograph of his missing wife. Nicholson plainly showed the strain under which he had been laboring since the sudden and unexpected departure of his wife. His voice quavered, his cheeks were sunken, and one look at his deep-set eyes told that his nights had been sleepless.

## Wore Her Working Clothes.

The husband does not believe his wife has gone far, because she left home in her working clothes, and had bu if any, money. She gave no war being about to leave, and but ents before her disappearan as chatting pleasantly with he

retty woman, according to the congiven by her husband. She is to given by her lateralds. Since it is in the principle of "missing people" book at eadquarters, she is 5 feet 6 incheighs 135 pounds, possesses harm of manner, and has an espond figure.

figure. nen she left home she wore a bi When she left home she wore a black silk waist, black skirt, light straw hat, and black shoes. Around her throat she wore a gold necklace and locket, given her by Mr. Nicholson, and containing her photograph. On the ring finger of her left hand she wore her wedding

#### Was Miss Maggie Cantwell.

Choking down a rising lump in worker, this morning narrated to a Times representative the story of his

merly secretary of state, for alleged "Of course, we had the usual spats complicity in the killing of William that all married people have, but there not there, because that is the first

Haywood's trial cost the State of Idaho \$240,000. The taxpayers of the State are angry that such an expense should have been authorized.

Although Moyer and Pettibone are under indictment, it is regarded as practically certain they will never be called to trial.

Their lawyers will move for a dismissal of the indictments and it is considered certain that the motions will be granted.

Haywood With Mother,

Haywood spent the morning at the Idaho on her house called than Judge James C. Simms, of Bowling Green, Ky., leading counself of Bowling Green, Ky., leading

## Malone Missing; His Friends Scout Theory of Death

Friends of James Malone, who disappeared from his home in Kenilworth, on Tuesday, believe the report of his death eceived here on Saturday to be incorrect. The police have telephoned to Columbus, Ohio, but have failed to verify the report.

motion in the record and then adjourn her six small children, the oldest but court until 2 o'clock, to enable the prose- thirteen years old. She is believed to cution to prepare counter-affidavits. The be staying with her sister in Washingaffidavits filed by the defense consist of ton, but her sister's name and address thirty-two pages, typewritten, and re- are unknown to the Kenilworth people. Malone was thirty-four years old and was employed at the May hardware store, on Pennsylvania avenu

#### FIRE THAT KILLED EIGHT **BLAMED ON CIGARETTE STUB**